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1. In Soviet Russia everyone reaching the age of eighteen years is subject to call to the colors. At present, those between the ages of nineteen and twenty-four inclusive (that is, six classes of recruits) are under arms.

2. [redacted] from the 1925 and 1926 classes only the non-commissioned are still under arms; the privates have been demobilized. The 1930 class, consisting of nineteen-year-olds, had not yet been called to arms [redacted]

3. The troops serving with the frontier units or MVD units are not subject to the same rule and there are many older troops among them. They are better provided for than those serving in the territorial forces.

4. In Kharkov and Kiev there are landing units (Voyenniye Desantniye Voiska -VDV).

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5. In the Far East, the Soviet frontier units opposite Mongolia and Manchuria have their headquarters in the following cities: Khabarovsk, Blagoveshchensk, Solovëvsk, Kyakhta, Naushi, and Otpor. Maintenance of the frontier units in the Far East is poor and about the same as that of the Soviet territorial forces.

June 1948

6. The following units are under the Baikal-Amur Military District:\*
- a. A tank regiment at Darnaul (T-34 tanks)
  - b. A tank regiment at Kyakhta
  - c. An infantry regiment at Kyakhta

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7. The infantry landing division previously reported\* to be near Barnaul (Barnaul?) is actually located at Borzya.
8. The tank and artillery schools previously reported\*\* to be 8 km NE of Chita are located at Peseanka, 8 km north of Chita. Officers of the Baikal-Amur District are trained in these schools.

August 1949

9. For the travel of important persons in the Soviet Union, there is in the vicinity of Moscow an air transport division. The commander of this division is a general. Stalin's pilot is also a general. The type of plane used by this division is the IL-12. All the planes of this division are hidden and guarded with the greatest care in the hangars. There are sentinels in front of the entrance and exit doors. At the same time, an officer is detailed as guard for each plane. In addition, there are two guards who patrol, walking around the hangar. This is a forbidden area.
10. At the moment the first shot is fired starting World War III, the Soviets will attack Turkey. It is said that this attack will develop in the following manner:
  - a) A column will proceed from the Caucasus and attack toward the south and west.
  - b) A column will proceed from the Crimea and, crossing the Black Sea, will land in the Samsun area and attack toward the south.
  - c) A third column will attack toward the east from the Balkans.
  - d) The forces landing in the Samsun area will divide Turkey in two, while the other two columns will meet in the center after having developed their attacks.

The Soviet aim in case of a third World War is to knock out Turkey in the shortest possible time.

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At an assembly attended by officers of high grade and the Party members, Stalin stated that the Communist Party was the first, the Soviet people the second, the Red Army the third, and the Red Army commanders the fourth factor which made possible the victory over Nazi Germany. After Stalin had left the assembly, Marshal Zhukov, who did not agree with Stalin's point of view, said to Marshal Konev: "But for us, the commanders, the Red Army could not have won victory over Fascism." Zhukov's comment was also overheard by the political officers and was reported to Stalin. Zhukov was then invited to the Politburo but he was persistent in his own viewpoint toward Stalin's words. He was then given a secondary post.

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